



Summer Months = Double the Risk for Teens

The latest data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System revealed the deadliest days of the year for teens 15-19 are in the months of May, June, July and August. During these four months, nearly twice as many teens died on the roads each day as compared to the rest of the year. Even though there has been progress in reducing overall fatalities in the U.S., motor vehicle crashes still remain the leading cause of death of young people, both in the U.S. and worldwide.

Analysis of 2009 FARS data (for 15-19 year-old fatalities) show:

- During the four summer months in May through August, nearly twice the number of youth died on our roads – an average of nearly 16 deaths per day (15.9) – compared to an average of nearly nine deaths (8.8) per day during the year as whole.
- Three times as many teens died on the deadliest day of 2009 (May 23) compared to the average the number of deaths per day for the year (25 deaths on May 23 compared to an average of nearly nine deaths per day (8.8).
- 6 of the top 7 deadliest days for youth occur in May, June, July and August.

In addition, of all the days in which more than the average number of teens died (days in which there were at least 10 deaths), 42% of the deadly days were during the four months of May through August, which is a disproportionate share (a proportionate share would be 33% for four months). Overall a total of 3,214 teens died in 2009, as drivers, passengers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Make this the Safest Summer Ever!

- 1.) JST DRV- avoid all distractions - they can wait!
- 2.) ALWAYS buckle up!
- 3.) NEVER drive impaired or ride with anyone who is!
- 4.) PLAN your route and your ride - take the safest way and ride with safe drivers!
- 5.) STAND up for your own safety - Speak up and get out if you need to!

